

Application No. 09/735,941

Reply to Final Official Action mailed on October 18, 2004

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 7-20, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31-33 remain in the application. Claims 7, 12, 15-20, 23, 25, and 27 are amended. Claims 1-6, 21-22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 have been cancelled by this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of claims 29, 31-33.

Applicant has rewritten claim 7 in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 7 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claims 8-11, 14, 16, and 18-20 depend either directly or indirectly from believed allowable claim 7 and are also believed to be in proper condition for allowance. In addition, due to the cancellation of claim 2, claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 10, and claims 18-20 have been amended to depend from claim 14. Support for these amendments may be found in the application as originally filed at claims 10 and 18-20, respectively. Claims 16 and 18-20 have been further amended to include all of the limitations of claim 2. This further amendment was necessitated by a lack of antecedent basis for a "step h" in each one of amended claims 16, and 18-20. No new matter has been added.

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 12 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claim 13 depends directly from believed allowable claim 12 and is also believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

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Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1. The limitation of original claim 15 has been identified using the identifier "g)" in order to be consistent with the remainder of amended claim 15. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 15 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 17 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claims 21 and 22. The limitation of original claim 23 has been identified using the identifier "g)" in order to be consistent with the remainder of amended claim 23. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 23 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 21. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 25 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 21. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 27 is now in proper condition for allowance.

Seeing as the claims remaining in the application are all believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicant looks forward to receiving favourable reconsideration of the present application.

No new matter has been added.

Please charge \$500.00 for five (5) additional independent claim in excess of three to Deposit Account No: 50-1142.

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**Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,



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